Sri .D DEVARAJ URS.—I am glad almost all the hon. Members want a discussion on my statement. I am certainly happy to agree to this, provided the Hon. Speaker spares a day or two according to the convenience of the House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We will fix a time for it. We will go to the next item.

Allowing discussion on the Report of the P.A.C. and P.S.C.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Sir, the Chairman has submitted the report of the Public Accounts Committee but a copy has not been given to us so far. It is also necessary that this report should be discussed in this House.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—The copies of the report are ready and will be circulated ; you will have a copy immediately.

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—The Public Service Commission's Report has been presented. I hope Government will agree for a discussion.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—If they want, they can have a discussion.

Allowing personal explanation to Sri D. Poosalingam

Sri D. POOSALINGAM (Bharathinagar).—Sir, yesterday, hon. Member Sri Sriramulu has made some allegations against me on the floor of the House. I was not present. You were kind enough to say that whenever a Member made an allegation against another Member on the basis of press reports, he has to take the full responsibility for it. Now, I request you, Sir, to direct the Member to substantiate his statement. I am prepared to undergo any enquiry. If it is proved, I am prepared to resign even to-morrow ; if it is not proved, I want the Member to withdraw the charge and also unconditionally apologise.

Sri B, SUBBAIAH SETTY.—Yesterday, the matter was decided in this Assembly...

Sri S. BANGARAPPA.—It was not decided yesterday.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Mr. Bangarappa, is this the way ? If both of you speak, I cannot hear him.

Sri B. SUBBAIAH SETTY.—May I know the Rules under which Mr. Poosalingam can raise the issue ? He has not fulfilled the conditions under Rules 177, 178 and 179. Therefore, he should not be allowed to raise this issue and waste the time of this Assembly.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I was about to tell you that he is entitled to make a personal explanation. Therefore, it is not out of order.

Sri A. A. DESAI.—Under what Rule ?

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—As per Rule 293, a Member may, with the permission of the Speaker, make a personal explanation although there is no question before the Assembly, but in this case, no debatable matter may be brought forward, and no debate shall arise.

Yesterday only there was a reference to particular Member who was not present. Therefore, I am not in a position to uphold the Point of Order which the hon. Member has raised.

About the other things, Rule 177 and 178 referred by Mr. Subbiah Setty, already there is a privillege motion tabled by Sri C. M. Armugam. It reached me at 1.50 so late as that. It has not been possible for me to examine it. We will examine it as early as possible. Question of privilege is a very important matter and it nas got to be examined in all its details and scrutinised. Let not Mr. Armugam be anxious to dilate upon it at this stage.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—No, Sir. I only got up to say that I have tabled a motion for your consent. You can take your own time to scrutinise it and examine it.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಈಗ ಯಾರಮೇಲೆ ಆಪಾದನೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವರೋ ಅವರೂ ಕೂಡ ಥಾಲೆಂಜ್ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ನಿನ್ನೆ ಹೇಳಿರುವುದನ್ನು ನಬಸ್ಟ್ಯಾನಸಿಯೇಟ್ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರುಜುವಾತು ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ತಾವು ರಾಜೀನಾಮೆ ಕೊಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ರುಜುವಾತು ಮಾಡದಿದ್ದರೆ ಆಪಾದನೆ ಮಾಡಿದವರು ಆಪಾಲಜಿ ಕೇಳಬೇಕೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಡಿ. ದೇವರಾಜ ಅರಸ್.—ಈಗ ಪ್ರಿವಿಲೇಜ್ ಮೋಷನ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಮುಂದಿದೆ, ಶ್ರೀರಾಮುಲುರವರ ಹೇಳಿಕೆ ಇದೆ. ಪರ್ಸನಲ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ಲನೇಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ. ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಪ್ರಿವಿಲೇಜ್ ಮೋಷನ್ ಪರೀಕ್ಷೆಮಾಡಿ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟಾಗ ಉಳಿದ ವಿಚಾರ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಬಂಗಾರಪ್ಪ.—ಶ್ರೀ ಪೂನಲಿಂಗಂರವರು ಥಾಲೆಂಜ್ ಮಾಡಿರುವಾಗ ಶ್ರೀರಾಮುಲುರವರು ತಾವು ನಬ್‌ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾನಷಿಯೇಟ್ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದ.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—Please note that yesterday Mr. Poosalingam was not present in the House. His absence was felt and we wanted him to be present here. He is physically present now for making a personal explanation. Not only that, he has thrown a challenge. Is it not sufficiant ? The other matter, the privilege motion is here just now and it is being examined and scrutinised.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಚ್. ಡಿ. ದೇವೇಗೌಡ.—ರೂಲಿಂಗ್ ಕೊಡುವ ಹಗ್ಗೆ ನನಗೆ ಕಾತುರತೆಯಿಲ್ಲ, ಕೊಡಬಹುದು. ನನ್ನ ಸಲಹೆಯೇನೆಂದರೆ ಪೂನಲಿಂಗಂರವರು ಪರ್ಸನಲ್ ಎಕ್ಸ್‌ಪ್ಲನೇಷನ್ ಕೊಟ್ಟರು. ಶ್ರೀರಾಮುಲುರವರು ತಾವು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದನ್ನು ವಿತಡ್ರಾ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡರೆ ಒಂದೇ ಸಲ ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಮುಕ್ತಾಯವಾಗುವುದು. The matter will be ended once for all. ಚರ್ಚೆಗೆ ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟರೆ ಮತ್ತೆ ಬೆಳೆಯುತ್ತದೆ. I leave it to the House. If Mr. Sriramulu is prepared to wishdraw his remark, the matter ends there. Otherwise, let it take its own course.

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.—I was not present in the House yesterday, nor have I had an opportunity of looking into the records. Please let us have some time. I do not know what the records contain.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—I also mentioned something; the Hon. Minister for Agriculture also said certain things. Both of us stand by what we have said. Beyond that how can I compel any body ?

Sri H. D. DEVE GOWDA.—The privilege motion is before you. You may examine the pros and cons and give a ruling.

Mr. DEPUTY SPEAKER.—We shall go to the next time *viz.* the discussion and voting of Demands for Grants. The hon. Member Sri Arumugham will speak on the Demand, 'Grants in aid Contributions to Locai Bodies and Housing.

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Demand No. 394 Grants in aid Contributions to Local Bodies and Housing
(Debate Continued)

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the functions of the Municipal Abministration in the State need to be examined in the light of the orders and actions taken by the Government. We can understand the postponement of elections to the Municipalities in drought-affected areas like Gulbarga, Bidar, Bijapur and parts of Belgaum. But we are unable to understand why and for what reason the Government is hesitating to conduct elections to several Municipalities in other areas. These Municipalities come directly under the Deputy Commissioner of the District and over him there is the Divisional Commissioner. It is the responsibility of these two officers to coduct Municipal elections. How on earth these officers are devoting their time to conduct Municipal elections I connot understand. Is it because the Government is not having any confidence in the working of democracy ? If they feel that there must be democracy at the top level, they must agree to have democratic institutions at the bottom level also. In the past one year, though the term of office of several Municipalities has expired, no arrangement has been made to conduct elections thereto. Government has got one explanation, namely, that the delimitation of constituencies has not been completed. But they could conduct elections to those Municipalities where the constituencies have been demarcated. Appointing Administrators who are otherwise not qualified will naturally affect the interests of those living in the Municipal areas. For instance, take my Municipality *viz*, the Kolar Gold Field Municipality. Government appointed an Administator. The Tahsildar of Gulbarga who was upgraded as the Assistant Commissioner has been posted as the Administrator. He is yet to understand the working of the Municipality. Therefore, we on this side demand that Government should take immediate action for conducting elections to all the Municipalities to which they have appointed Administrators.